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COVID-19 UPDATE

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- Since Monday, 32 residents have tested positive, and 74 more have recovered from COVID-19: The number of people in the City who have tested positive for COVID-19 is 7,741. With 6,029 recovered and 241 fatalities, Framingham currently has 1,471 active cases. The Framingham Health Department contacts the people who were potentially exposed and the owners of the businesses or places of employment where the potential exposures occurred to inform and counsel them on next steps (contact tracing). In addition to the active cases, the Health Department is following 616 residents in quarantine.
- New Resource: Transportation to COVID-19 vaccine Appointments: The City of Framingham
 has created a list of transportation resources to help bring residents to and from their vaccine
 appointments. View the resource list here. Special thank you to the MetroWest Transportation
 Authority, SMOC, and the Callahan Center for your support.
- Shuttered Venue Operators Grant Program: On Thursday, April 8, the U.S. Business Administration will begin taking applications for the Shuttered Venue Operators Grant Program. Eligible businesses include live venue operators, theatrical producers, live performing arts organization operators, museum operators, movie theater operators, and talent representatives. To be eligible, a business must have been in operation as of February 29, 2020. The Massachusetts Small Business Development Center will host a workshop on Tuesday, April 20, at 10 a.m. to help answer questions about applying for the grant and how the funds can be used. Visit the grant portal here to access application information.
- COVID-19 in Framingham: Information on COVID-19 in Framingham can be found here. To receive information from the City on a mobile device, text "Join FraminghamMA" to 30890. Residents also can find updates on Facebook and Twitter @Framingham_MA. For questions regarding COVID-19 in Framingham, please call the City's informational line at (508) 532-5411, Mon-Fri., 8:30 a.m.- 3:30 p.m. If there is an urgent update, the City will employ the "Alert Framingham" phone messaging system, otherwise known as Rave. To sign up for the City's Rave system, please go here: https://www.smart911.com/